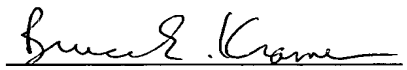
REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are presented for Examiner's consideration. Claim 9 has been amended to adopt a suggestion made by the Examiner in the parent application. Claim 13 has been canceled.

Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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